**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**APRIL 8TH, 2015 - 6:00 – 7:30pm**

*A meeting of Central Public School Council was held at Central Public School in the Library at*

*175 Main Street East, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.*

**In Attendance:**

Carolyn Baechler, Principal

Alison Bell, Teacher Representative

Becky Betts, Chair

Susan Nixon, Co-Chair

Kelly Stedman, Secretary

Cheryl Reeve, Treasurer

*General Members:* Kathryn Tarrant, Tricia Fournier/Ford, Jenn Newton, Kate MacNaughton & Mark Siemiaszko, Georgina Zymerman, Fia Mohammed, Karen Cluett

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Please refer to our school website or the binder held at the office at the school for previous minutes and agendas. <http://ctr.wrdsb.ca/school-council/>

**Updates – *Becky Betts*:**

Kathryn approached Stoyles Restaurant (across the street) for a Mayfair donation and they offered to donate to our Nutrition for Learning Program instead.

Becky introduced our new Central Public School Facebook Page. Please ‘Like’ our page and share it with your Facebook Friends. Already have about 160 followers. Remember that this is a public space and to always keep your comments family friendly.

[Central Public School Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/centralpublicschoolcouncil/timeline)

**Central Closet Update** – The clothes bins have been moved to another location. The campaign went very well, but since the weather has changed, the items for winter are not needed as much. If you would like to donate, we still need socks, pants and lighter gloves/mittens.

**Tools for Life** – Becky and Mrs. Baechler agreed that the turnout was very good. A council member is going to get in touch with the Tools for Life business owners and request a Parent’s Kit for our Mayfair Silent Auction.

**Kindergarten Info Night:** The info night is Wednesday, May 6th and Becky and Susan will be there at the Parent Council Booth to introduce our committee and recruit new volunteer members.

**Baking Club** – Baking Club will run in April. Karen is requesting volunteers to help out - see Karen to sign up. The spring club will run over Tuesdays and Wednesdays for three weeks in April.

**$500 Parent Involvement Grant** – Pricing out some marketing items for the Parent Council to use to build a portable booth or advertising medium (sign).

**Principal’s Update – *Mrs. Baechler*:**

Mrs. Baechler invited some student presenters to show us the Central Public School’s new Chromebooks. Hailie, Emma and Abigail each shared their skills and the reasons that they like to use the new electronic devices. Mrs. Baechler requested that the council help the school purchase an additional 15 units (currently, we have 33). The amount for the new units is approximately $5000.

Mrs. Beachler said that they are moving forward with the purchase of 2 Galvanized Troughs for the Kindergarten Play Area and one additional trough for a Box Garden. Three units a piece are approximately $260/unit. The Board will pay for the sand, the full installation and the ongoing care and maintenance, once we move forward and get them purchased.

Mrs. Beachler also brought in examples of newly purchased Boomwhackers, Math Manipulatives for learning about Time and Money.

Professional Development Day: April 17th – Teachers will be working on the School Improvement Plan regarding the ‘Inquiry Based Learning’ model. Mrs. MacNeil will be offsite – no one will be in the office to answer phones or greet people at the front door.

**Treasurer’s Report – *Cheryl Reeve*:**

***As of today: $10688.52 in account.***

If we purchase Chromebooks and the Sandboxes we essential spend approximately $5600, that leaves us with plenty of carryover money in our bank account. Generally, in the past the Parent’s Council would forward about $2000 to the fall of the next year.

Not clear what the profit of the upcoming Mayfair will bring. Since the Council is running it this year and have no access to previous years’ expenses or profit – we are to exactly sure what to expect in profit. Early estimate indicate that no more than $2500 will be required for expenses. Will know more once tickets sales start to come in (parent’s must pre-purchase tickets).

**Total funds to be approved by the council: $5600: for the purchase of 15 Chromebooks and 3 Galvanized Troughs for Kindergarten Play Area.**

Motion was presented by Becky Betts and seconded by Susan Nixon. All members approved of the spending.

**Fundraising Update – *Susan Nixon*:**

Susan reported that the choices for fundraisers for next year have been narrowed down to the following four options:

1. QSP
2. Big Box Fundraiser
3. ESC Coffee Disks
4. Mable’s Labels

A form will go home later in the month to survey parents and see what fundraisers they would be most willing to participate in.

**Mayfair Update – *Becky Betts*:**

There is a Mayfair meeting on Friday morning in the Parent Council Room.

Jenn Newton purchased the Popcorn Machine and it still needs to be assembled and tested. A member of the group suggested that we do a Popcorn Day on April 24th.

Keep in mind that we are still in need of donations for our silent auction. Kathryn has been working very diligently at accruing donations and connecting with community members. Please refer to the list to see what businesses have already been approached. Please add to the list any companies you plan to contact.

Some extended discussion about how they will share information about Silent Auction items. Suggestions were presented to share the list on our new Facebook Page or send out information to the parents in a letter. Auction will be held in Room 2.

**Lice Check Update – *Fia Mohammed*:**

Lice check was April 8th. The check went extremely well. Each lice check from the beginning of the year, there has been a decrease in the actual number of children found with lice. At the final check, there was only one case of lice discovered. No more checks for the remainder of the year. Thanks again to the committee for all of their hard work.

**Questions & Answers:**

DPA – What is DPA? DPA is ‘Daily Physical Activity’. All students have Physical Education three times a week. When they do not have Physical Education, they then have Daily Physical Activity.

Can we get a replacement for the ‘Student Safety Sign’ at the entrance to our parking lot? Yes – Mrs. Baechler will speak to facilities and request a replacement.

When it comes to vehicles idling in front of the school, does the school get involved or is it a Municipality matter? [answer missed – please edit]

Is there any way that we can reduce the amount of salt dropped in the Kindergarten Play Area? Mrs. Baechler indicated that we contract out our snow removal services to Brantco. She will forward her request and do what she can to convey our concerns.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 10th – 6:00 p.m.**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Kelly Stedman – Secretary 2014 – 2015, Central Public School Council

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_